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Education and Government Service

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1. The fees at the Foshanshih Lien Ho Middle School (0154/1472/1579/5114/0678/0022/1331) were:

Tuition, per semester.....JMP150,000
Books, etc., 1 semester..... 50,000
Lunch, per meal..... 1,500
Lunch, per month..... 39,000

2. Peiping Steel and Iron Institute of Technology courses 25X1
were construction engineering, machinery parts, metallurgy, X-ray on metals, strength and material, political science, and foreign language.
3. the China Medical school in Mukden, established in 1931 25X1
three hospitals were under this school, which had the best equipment in the 25X1
world. The school, with the enrollment of over 5,000 students, offered a five-year curriculum, the last two of which were spent in clinical practice. The government paid JMP20,000 for the education of each student.

Commodity Prices

4. In Kwangsi Province, commodity prices were as follows: 25X1

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Rice.....JMP1,000 per catty
 Salt.....JMP1,700 per catty
 Peanut oil.....JMP6,400 per catty
 Pork.....JMP6,000 per catty
 Kerosene.....JMP5,400 per catty
 Firewood.....JMP7,000 per 100 catties

Construction

5. [REDACTED] 25X1
- a. The first tractor factory of the nation [REDACTED] completed in 1955. 25X1
 - b. China, Mongolia, and the USSR had agreed to construct the Chining (N28-26, E 121-24)-Wulanpachu Railroad. The section of this railroad from Chining to Erhlientuan (0059/6647/3008) was completed in December 1954.
 - c. The first micro-tool machine factory had been established in Harbin.
 - d. The nation's first automobile factory had undertaken mass production.
 - e. The USSR had been helping China establish the 100-billion-square-meter International Friendship Farm for rice production.
6. Other reports from Kwangtung Province described the following developments:
- a. Manpotou in T'aishan (N 22-16, E 112-46) had become a hydroelectric power station.
 - b. With the completion of the new river at Tuhu (N 22-04, E 112-57) the whole river had become navigable by February 1955. A typhoon shelter capable of sheltering hundreds of boats would be completed soon in Tungahinhau (N 24-40, E 115-58). Trade communications in the Tuhu area would be facilitated by these projects.
 - c. Industrial improvement in machine shops and among manual laborers had been introduced by the "elder Russian brother"; many large houses in Canton had been converted into factories. The Canton Cement Factory had become the main supply for the whole nation.
 - d. The Nan Fang Mansion, opened on National Memorial Day, had 11 stories with an elevator.¹ 25X1
1. [REDACTED] Comment. The Nan Fang Mansion was formerly the Sun Company, Ltd. Destroyed by fire during World War II, it has been redecorated by the Chinese Communist government. [REDACTED] 25X1

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